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SUBJECT

Interpellations of Mr. Nalgir & Sanzgiri Member Legis Council regarding Mysore Bank affairs since Mr. W.C. Rose left for England on leave

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1) Copies of the questions to be sent to the Secretary of the Banking Commission.

2) The interpellation of Sanjivi has, I believe, been admitted by the Speaker, L.C. Kindly note whether Mr Sanjiva's interpellation has been answered by the minister. If so, it may be sent to Speaker, L.C. with compts

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3) The interpellation has been disallowed & Mr. Sanjivai has been informed of it today.

4) The rules under the Mysore L.C. Regns. do not contemplate the case of a member of the L.C. who publishes interpellations or

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Resolutions of which he has merely given notice before he knows whether they have been allowed or disallowed and there is therefore no provision in the matter. I think however, that an Member of a responsible body like the Legislature, whose certain responsibilities & duties to that body, to the public and to the Govt. and that the present publication is in conflict with the discharge of such responsibilities & duties. Though there may be no rule prohibiting him from taking the course he has taken, and in any contingency and proprietary should have prevented him from publishing an interpellation which he did not know whether he would be allowed to put. I would suggest that the Question may be considered whether a letter may not go to him pointing out the impropriety of his conduct not as a private individual, but as a member of the Legislature.

Mr. Sanjivaiya.

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7) James
aware of any
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6) Is information available
as to whether there is
any such rule
& understanding
with the Legislature
by Br. Inns
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8) The Bank's letters submitted for
perusal. Some members
are in the habit of putting
their interpellations before
they are admitted. This is a
breach of decorum, but
there is no rule to prevent
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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE MANAGER.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "MYSOREBANK."

The Bank of Mysore, Ltd.,

Bangalore, 9th June 24.

CONFIDENTIAL.

The Chief Secretary to
the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a cutting taken from "Swarajya" of the 7th instant.

The publication of such false and malicious statements under the guise of interpellations proposed to be put by Mr. Niligiri G. Sanjeeviah at the forthcoming meeting of the Legislative Council is calculated to injure the credit of this institution and I have no hesitation in stating that this sinister attack is the work of the Bank's Ex-lawyer Mr. L. S. Raju who is seeking to revenge himself by any means for his dismissal.

A communication (copy herewith) is being sent by the Bank to the Press in refutation of the statements contained in the so called interpellation.

I do not know if Mr. Sanjeeviah is in order in publishing his interpellations before they have been put at the Meeting of the Legislative Council but if he has exceeded his privileges I trust that the Government

will take such action as will deter members from allowing themselves to be made a tool of by unscrupulous persons.

Yours faithfully,

W. O. Finn

OFFG. MANAGER.

UNE 7, 1924

MYSORE BANK AFFAIRS

An Interpellation

DIRECTORS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr Niligiri G Sanjeeviah,. member, Mysore Legislative Council, has sent the following interpellations regarding Mysore Bank affairs to be answered at the forthcoming sessions of the Mysore Legislative Council :—

Will the Government be pleased to state ;—

(a) Whether several of the Mysore Bank's Directors are heavily indebted to the Bank, individually or jointly with others ? If so, to what extent ? Whether such Directors have given adequate, tangible, liquid and easily disposable securities for such indebtedness? Can any of the Directors unlimitedly borrow at special rates of interest denied to others ? Whether the fact of such indebtedness is consistent with their being on the Directorate ? (b) Whether owing to the unwarranted and undesirable interference of some of the Directors, more on personal motives than on principles, the affairs of the Bank have drifted into considerable disorder ever since Mr. W. C. Rose left for England on leave at the end of February last ? (c) Whether it is a fact that the Mysore Bank shares have gone down in value considerably since the end of February last ? If so, to what extent ? (d) Whether the Board of the Bank have attempted to make a change in the long-standing and respectable Bank's solicitors and whether the latter have on behalf of the shareholders and in the interests of the Bank and Government protested against the Board's action, during the absence of Mr W C Rose ? (e) whether theGovernment advocate who is also aDirector of theBank was a party to the change attempted to be effected and has offered himself to be the Solicitor and appointed as such and whether the Government Advocate is also indebted to the Bank individually, or jointly with others ? If so, to what extent and what is the ex ent and nature of the securities given by him ? (f) whether the Government Advocate has taken the permission of the Government to be the Legal Advisor of the Bank and whether on account of his own indebtedness and the fact of his being aDirec or it is desirable or advisable that he should be the legal advisor also ?

In the absence of a strong representative of the Government to safeguard public interests and Government deposits in the Bank and in view of the aforesaid circumstances, will the Government be pleased to withdraw immediately all its moral and material support to it, so as to avoid the general public being innocently misled?

Will the Government be pleased to direct the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies to take action under Section 187 of the Mysore Companies Regulation and submit a Report after which the Government may if it thinks fit take action under section 138 clause 4 of the Mysore Companies Regulation?

Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have perused (a) The Report of the Police Inspector who was specially deputed to investigate into the frauds in the Bank last year ; (b) The Judgment of the Assistant Sessions Judge who convicted and sentenced a Bank clerk last year ? and (c) Whether the Government are aware that persons severely criticised and censured by the Investigating Officer and the Assistant Sessions Judge are still employed in responsible posts in the

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Communique issued under the authority of the Directors and Management of the Bank of Mysore.

Our attention has been called to a communication in the "Swarajya" of Saturday the 7th June 1924 under the heading "Mysore Bank Affairs" which purports to be an interpellation to be made by one Mr. Niligiri G. Sanjeeviah, M.L.C., at the forthcoming Sessions of the Mysore Legislative Council. For the information of the numerous constituents of the Bank - Shareholders, Depositors and the general public, - we feel it our duty to state at once that the one true statement among the several allegations made in the long interpellation, is that the Board of Directors of the Bank, after careful consideration, dismissed their Solicitors, who declined to render accounts of moneys drawn by them from the Bank when called upon to do so. We beg to assure the public that there is no foundation for the several insinuations and innuendos made in the interpellation and that the affairs of the Bank are in a sound and prosperous condition. We trust that the public will not allow themselves to be misled by such mischievous tactics actuated by sordid and interested motives.

For THE BANK OF MYSORE Ltd.

Manager.

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9) With reference to your Query this morning (letter it was in order for a member of the L.C. to Question an interpretation of Resolution before it was admitted, I send this further note:

10) In the matter of the Bengal Leg. Cl. 1916, I find the following:—

11) Resolutions admitted by the ~~Chair~~ shall be entered in the list of business.

12) This is followed by the following note:

"It is not customary to ask right for a member to give publicity to a Resolution which has given notice of Resolutions or the Business which are awaited by the Leg or Dept."

13) Indeed in communication of

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Draft L.R.O. for approval

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2/8/24

Hal

18) Put up the References
Reg re manual of Lee
Ramon Treaderies

19) Forms Put up

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20) Copy Lee Bengal Legislative
Council manual of 1926
Wish Criteria & Rules are
Lee under - Please refer to
page 173 Rule 11 Note 2.
Also perhaps
the Rule ought to be
applicable Lee Due to Lee
Legislative Council & Rep Assembly

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21) Put up Lee Draft

22 Draft Lee submitted for
approval

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shows that it is neither customary nor proper for a member to publish his opinions expressed in official minutes.

27 A similar instruction may perhaps be conveyed to members. Confidential

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28 The Executive to Members of Council

1st Member.

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29 The rule or the rule quoted in from the old Bengal Manual of 1916 No. is now stated that the rule has been reproduced in the Manual and rule under the Act of 1919. The practice in British India is prop. the reverse. Question, whether publication & reference to the proceedings published & commented on in the papers. The reason for non-publication of the proceedings seems to be that there is a check upon the arbitrary power of the President or the members first. The reference & interpellation may be

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must arbitrarily disallowed. There no appeal after the decision and no question be raised against his determined. In such cases, a publicity is his only safe guard. People must know his reasons for his disallowance & an independent & determination & then can be no reputation that particular & a disallowed question or reduction. Her hands & his members & & his position with be too much centered if there be any such prohibition. Up a disallowed question can be published then. There is no reason why it shd not be published before disallowance

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3rd fully agree with his 2nd member

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